

zenger depot and a separate building for express and baggage rooms.

The depot is situated at the end of Wayne Avenue, the principal commercial street, and is convenient to the business section of the city.

The buildings are of gray-pressed brick, with slate roof and parapet finished throughout with natural marble. It is lighted and ventilated by skylights and perforated ceiling, waiting room and toilet rooms being modern, modern plumbing, and brilliantly lighted by electric lights.

The grandstand platforms are 60 feet long and are covered by umbrella sheds and iron columns.

The materials and workmanship are of the best, and the finished buildings present a splendid appearance.

The building contractors are this group of buildings, Mr. W. M. Walker, son of the founder of the Richmond, Va., well-known builder of Richmond, Va.

The building industry continues to flourish as an undiminished rate, and the few residences recently completed were all rented for long terms before completion.

During the past summer many fine residences have been built and are now occupied by the owners, and several residences are under construction, and contractors are bidding for buildings for several more houses.

The Board of Trade of Waynesboro composed of the prominent business men, has initiated an energetic campaign for the improvement of the city, and invites correspondence regarding the organization of clubs by this city, and letters addressed to the president of the board of trade will be welcome.

#### New School Building.

Concerning a hill in the centre of the town stands the new school building. A multitude of enterprising boys and girls come from a distance to attend for miles around. It was thrown open several weeks ago to the school children and now there are over 2000 pupils enrolled. The ground floor contains four class rooms, and upstairs the room is used for art and science hall and the two rear rooms for classes.

#### The Town as a Summer Resort.

Each year the town of Waynesboro attracts visitors, and the town has some borders, so as to make friends from the city, and at no time in the year can all that are accommodated.

#### Industries.

The Lumber Manufacturing Company have an extensive manufacturing plant situated on the hill just outside of the edge of the city.

The plant is equipped with modern machinery, and covers an area of one and one-half acres, with planing mills, furniture factory, dry goods, lumber yards, etc., and the products consisting of such doors, blinds, trim, furniture, etc., is shipped to all points of the country.

C. W. Alexander & Sons, furniture manufacturers have an extensive plant, fully equipped for turning out high-grade household and office furniture, and energetic salesmen are constantly sent out to business and homes out into the wide territory in the adjoining counties and States.

#### Hydraulic Engines.

The Rife Hydraulic Engine Works, an extensive manufacturing plant, is situated on the South river, on their private dam at the first water head south of the city.

Here is made the Rife hydraulic ram, the invention of the present manager of the works, which latter are operated by a large steamship, with head office in New York City.

This wonderful automatic pumping engine is now being used for pumping water from the spring to the gravity tank by triple suction pumps of large capacity, and the water throughout the city authorities have had to let the installation of a duplicate pump in case of emergencies.

Here, also, is located the city electric lighting plant, with modern generators.

Waynesboro has volunteer fire companies, with over twenty men, each having bands, with ample benefits of membership, fine truck and ladder truck. The department house is situated on Wayne Avenue, near the centre of the business district.

Direct pressure is used from the pumps. In case of fire and there are thirty-one well distributed fire hydrants in service in the city.

#### Milling Company.

Waynesboro Milling Company situated in the center of the business district, driven by water power, soon from the second head on the river.

The mill is twenty feet, four stories, and the grain company in the barrels of flour, 100 bushels of meal and ten tons of chops.

Most of the output of this mill is shipped to North Carolina, where this company is a well known growing trade for their flour mills of flour.

The grain elevator used for storage by this company is a capacity of 5000 bushels.

Frank Peterson has recently established a mill for grinding corn meal and mill flour. This mill is centrally located on the hill just outside, and the business is growing rapidly and well.

Very respectfully,  
W. L. JOHNSON.  
Houston, Va.

## CAPITAL INVESTED IN MANUFACTURES

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12 per cent in the five years, amounting to fifty million dollars in 1906. This is the highest percentage of increase for any Southern State. There was an increase of 4 per cent in the number of wage-earners, in whom there were 25,000 in 1900.

The wage of these workers increased 25 per cent during the five years, and the wages per man increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 in 1906. Each man's share in the value of finished work turned out was \$100 and \$125 in 1900. The total capital was 12 per cent of the gross product in 1900 and 15 per cent in 1906.

South Carolina holds the unique distinction of being the only Southern State whose manufacturing industry is capitalized at a figure higher than the gross average capital for a year. In 1906 the capitalization approximated \$12,000,000.

The 15 gross earnings for the year were little over \$7,000,000, the former 12 per cent of the latter. The gross capitalization in 1900 when the capital was \$17,000,000, was 117 per cent of the gross earnings for the year. There was a decrease of 10 per cent in the number of wage-earners, or 10 per cent in the total capital, and a decrease in the production.

The average wages paid in 1906 were \$1.50, while the average in 1900 was \$1.25.

#### Louisiana Locking Up.

Locking is coming to the front as a manufacturing state. She holds the unique distinction of being the only State in the Union whose capitalization was not increased during the five years.

Capital for steel production, on the other hand, was expected to increase 10 per cent in 1906.

Steel production increased 10 per cent in 1906, the amount having amounted to \$1,000,000. The number of wage-earners increased 12 per cent, the actual wage paid 12 per cent, and production 27 per cent, which is more than double the increase in 1900. Average wages paid was \$1.25 in 1906, up 25 per cent.

Texas and Tennessee Rivals.

Texas and Tennessee both stand rock position in 1906 in manufacturing. Texas had a capitalization of \$20,000,000, and a production value of \$12,000,000, while the production value of Tennessee was \$1,000,000. Average wages paid was \$1.25 in 1906, up 25 per cent.

Regarding Tariff Complaints.

DEBLIN, No. 11—Ambassador Taver-  
ny presented a. N. D. North, James L.  
Gerry and Nathan C. Stone, the Wash-  
ington bar, with a complaint to Secretary  
of State, regarding tariff complaints, to  
the State of Tennessee. Wm. H. Williams, secretary of state for the interior, who originally received them.

600 barrels of cider and vinegar, which were at the head in this line of productive manufacture.

The W. J. Loth Stove Company, W. J. Loth's most important industry. The W. J. Loth Stove Company, the manufacturer, cover a space of six acres. It has been in operation since 1880. When it was started by the late W. J. Loth, its output consisted of high-class stoves, heaters and ranges, which are in demand in every State of the Union and a large business in South America. One hundred and twenty-five skilled mechanics are employed, and the weekly payroll totals \$2,000, which is distributed among entirely annual local business establishments.

The president of the company, Mr. F. Percy Loth, son of the founder of the enterprise, became connected with the company in 1885, when with all other industrial enterprises, it was struggling for existence. It is to his skill, untiring industry and indomitable energy that the large success of the industry has been achieved. Its sound business sagacity, push and energy, coupled with unswerving integrity and honest business methods, has enabled him to build for several years.

**Fishburne Military School.**

The buildings and grounds of the Fishburne Military School constitute an important part of the make-up of Waynesboro. When Mr. Fishburne began work upon the property, about seven acres, on the south side of the village, he had no tools spread far beyond, and all around him.

In the enlarged and improved buildings, and other facilities, the school has almost doubled its former numbers, the present session being one hundred. These students come from the States of Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, etc., to Florida and Texas; eighteen in Columbia.

The daily drill of the cadets is a pleasant sight, and the thorough training given in this department will be of great value to them in after life.

#### IN NEW HOME.

**Virginia Trust Company Has a Modern Banking House.**

The Virginia Trust Company, one of Richmond's strong financial institutions, is now comfortably fixed in its new home at Main and tenth Streets. The building has been remodeled, practically rebuilt, its inside arrangement being entirely new. The fireproof vaults and the burglar-proof time-lock safes that have been installed are of the newest and best pattern, giving the company ample facilities for serving their customers, offering security in safety boxes unopened.

The offices have been elaborately furnished, and the arrangements provided for the convenience of the patrons of the company, especially the trust customers, are as complete as any in the South. The private compartments for the examination of papers or valuables kept in the safety boxes are equipped with every convenience.

#### PEOPLE'S BANK.

**The Splendid Showing Made by Houston's Prosperous Institution.**

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

I see in the financial section of your paper a statement to the effect that the People's Bank of Houston, Tex., has a capital stock of \$15,000, that its surplus and undivided profits aggregate \$3,000, and that the total assets are \$18,000.

This statement is correct, except as to the item of surplus and undivided profits, which are \$2,000 instead of \$2,000. This statement can easily be verified by referring to the report made by the People's Bank to the State Corporation Commission on September 4, 1906.

I am ashamed of this bank, and naturally feel a deep interest in having its condition correctly set forth to the public, and knowing your high reputation for fairness and justice in the dissemination of information for the readers of your paper, I respectfully request that you will publish a proper correction of the mistake referred to.

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capital against 6 per cent for Tennessee, its production Tax shows an increase of 10 per cent, while Tennessee showed 4 per cent increase. Tennessee outlays in Texas in the number of wage-workers, having been 22 per cent to Texas' 27 per cent, Tennessee's annual pay-roll to wage-earners was \$22,000,000, against \$34,400,000 for Texas, an increase of 6 per cent, while Tennessee showed 4 per cent increase. The average wages paid in Tennessee in 1906 was \$375, and the average in Texas was \$395, the highest average wages paid in any Southern State. In 1906 they stood, Tennessee \$33, Texas \$35. Tennessee wage-earners produced \$2,850 worth of finished work each, and Texas wage-earners averaged \$3,000. In 1906 the figures were: Tennessee, \$3,000; Texas, \$3,400.

**Old Dominion Progress.**

One must not conclude that the Old Dominion has not been going some, too, from this regard of the prosperity of the other Southern States. Her manufacturing capital increased 60 per cent in the five years, amounting to \$148,000,000 in 1906. The number of wage-workers increased 38 per cent, the wages paid increased 38 per cent, amounting to nearly \$5,000,000 in 1906; average wages increased from \$300 in 1900 to \$343 in 1906, and earning capacity in the gross increased from \$441 in 1900 to \$1,854 in 1906. The capital invested was 99 per cent of the gross earnings for 1906, and 85 per cent of the gross.

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## RAPID STRIDES MADE BY CITY

Washington Railroad Man Experiences Pleasure at Development of Richmond.

#### PREDICTS A GREAT FUTURE

Declares That the Immigration Movement Means Much to the Entire South.

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